

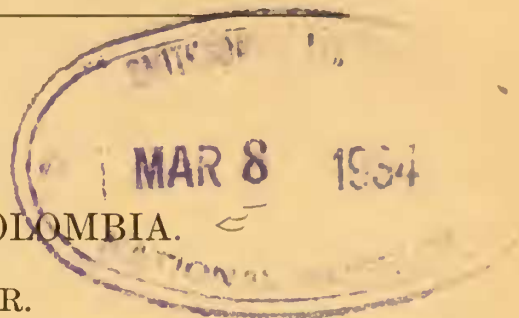
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A NEW VIOLET FROM COLOMBIA.

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Among several specimens of *Viola* from South America, recently submitted to the writer for determination, one represents a new species. It may be described as follows:

*Viola colombiana* W. Becker, sp. nov.

E sect. "Leptidium" Ging. emend. W. Becker; *V. heinbachii* W. Becker affinis, foliis basi truncatis in petiolum angustatis non cordatis apice acutiusculis non acuminatis crenato-serratis diversa.

*Rhizoma* repens, caules circ. 20-30 cm. altos  $\pm$ dense foliatos emittens. *Caules*  $\pm$ ramosi, glabri, circ. 2 mm. crassi, adscendentes. *Stipulae*  $\pm$ virides, lanceolatae, potius elliptico-lanceolatae, adversus basim angustatae, circ. 1 cm. longae, aequaliter fimbriatae; fimbriae circ. 1-1.5 mm. longae. *Folia* basi truncata, in petiolum angustata, ovata, acutiuscula, non acuminata, circ. 3 cm. longa, 2 cm. lata, glabra, distincte tamen non profunde crenulato-serrulata; petioli circiter 1-1.2 cm. longi. *Flores* dilute violacei, obscure violaceo-striati; petala 11-13 mm. longa, oblongo-ovata; pet. infimum latum, brevissime calcaratum; sepala 5 mm. longa, lanceolata, non acuminata; stylus apice non curvatus, acutus.

*Colombia*, Eastern Cordillera, Dept. Santander; mountains east of Las Vegas, open hillsides, 3000-3300 meters, December 20, 21, 1926, collected by E. P. Killip and Albert C. Smith, no. 15779 (U. S. Nat. Herb. no. 1,351,604;—Becker Herb. Viol.).

*V. scandens* Willd. folia basi subcordata brevius petiolata plane crenata et stipulas paullum fimbriatas habet.